



Iowa Department of Human Services

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Date: 5/7/14

Valerie Wackerly
616 Elm St
Pella, IA 50219

Date Complaint Received: 5/5/2014

Complaint Received By: DHS

Complaint Description: The Department received a complaint concerning provider Valerie Wackerly being over allowable numbers of under school age children on 4/24/14.

Rule Basis: Findings considered in accordance to Rule(s) 110.4 "No more children are in care than the rules for the specific category will allow."

Findings: Unannounced spot check conducted on 5/6/14. At the time of the spot check, provider Valerie Wackerly had a total of 10 children in her care that were under school age. (One of the children was picked up and left during the spot check and several of the children were part-time.) Lengthy review of policy for allowable numbers of children and ages for Category B provider conducted. I also clarified that the two children age 5 would not count as school age children until they begin their first day of kindergarten. Provider shared that one of the children in her care is transitioning out this week and another later in the month. We also reviewed the need to be able to turn down parents for drop-ins or part-time children when she was at her number limits.

Resolution: In regards to allowable numbers for Category B provider:

Children under the age of 18 months: In Compliance

Children under the age of 24 months: In Compliance

No more than 8 under school age children: Out of Compliance

Provider has a plan in place to reduce her operation back within allowable numbers through two children transitioning out, not to be replaced, and better management of part-time children. Compliance with allowable number limits will be monitored through future spot checks.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Earl Crow". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Earl Crow
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